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NEWS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

A MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TOM JOHNSON

On Monday, September 11th, we will all undoubtedly pause and reflect on exactly where we were and what we were doing when we heard the news that the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington D.C. had been struck by domestic passenger airplanes piloted by terrorists. The horror we felt then will once more race through our minds and the sadness of so many lives lost will overtake our emotions. But as we have proved time and time again, the enemies of democracy and freedom cannot defeat America and our ideals will yet again shine through giving our people strength to overcome death and destruction.

I call on every veteran and every man, woman and child throughout our Golden State to demonstrate their support for freedom, as well as to remember the thousands of lives lost on September 11, 2001 and during the war on terrorism by proudly flying our nation's flag in front of their homes. Let's show all enemies of liberty that Old Glory with her brilliant red, white, and blue colors proudly flies freely and will fly this way for generations to come.

A strong supporter of veterans and military personnel, Governor Schwarzenegger has proclaimed September 11th as Patriot Day in California. Following is this very important proclamation. Remember on September 11, fly your colors and honor those patriots, past, present and future, who make this nation great.

GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER PROCLAIMS SEPTEMBER 11TH AS "PATRIOT DAY" IN CALIFORNIA

Monday, September 11, 2006, as "Patriot Day"

PROCLAMATION

by the
Governor of the State of California

On September 11, 2001, the United States of America was struck by a series of ruthless terrorist attacks where nearly 3,000 innocent people lost their lives. For generations to come, our nation will always remember the victims: sons and daughters, husbands and wives, dads and moms, family members, co-workers and friends. Though we will always be reminded of that horrific morning, it is the decency and heroism of our fellow Americans on that day that will resonate throughout history.

On this anniversary, all Americans, from every walk of life, unite in memoriam to pay tribute to those who have passed and to honor those whose loved ones were taken from them. Each year our nation marks this tragic day, and our resolve for justice and peace is renewed and strengthened.

In the ruins of a city rebuilt, America is fulfilling the sacred promise its citizens made to each other: to seek justice for those who cause destruction and to promote freedom that is guarded by peace. Our nation has experienced the tragic consequences of hate and evil in dark times before, but it is the light of human dignity that guides us and determines our path towards liberty and hope.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim Monday, September 11, 2006, as "Patriot Day."



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 7th day of September 2006.

<http://gov.ca.gov/index.php?/proclamation/3802/>

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